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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT OF US PRESSURE

1. TAMMY ARBUCKLE APRIL 25 STORY DATELINED PHNOM PENH ATTRIBUTES TO US OFFICIALS VIEW THAT USG FORCED A RELUCTANT LON NOL TO CAPITULATE TO US PRESSURE AND REORGANIZE HIS GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE STEP COMES TOO LATE.

2. REALIZE THAT ARBUCKLE AND OTHERS WILL PUBLISH WHAT THEY WANT, AND THAT A VARIETY OF VIEWS ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND KHMER SOURCES. HOWEVER, REQUEST YOU TAKE WHATEVER STEPS WITH YOUR STAFF THAT YOU FEEL ARE FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE TO AVOID ATTRIBUTION TO US SOURCES OF VIEWS UNHELPFUL TO US- GKR RELATIONS. ROGERS

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